

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn):

Claim 2 (withdrawn):

Claim 3 (withdrawn):

Claim 4 (withdrawn):

Claim 5 (withdrawn):

Claim 6 (withdrawn):

Claim 7 (withdrawn):

Claim 8 (withdrawn):

Claim 9 (currently amended): A chewing gum comprising:

a gum center; and

a coating comprising ~~including~~ a medicament that surrounds the gum center, the coating comprising at least 50% by weight of the chewing gum product, the medicament being designed to be delivered into the systemic system of a patient.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the medicament is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group consisting of: analgesics; muscle relaxants; antibiotics; antivirals; stimulants; antihistamines; decongestants; anti-inflammatories; antacids; psychotherapeutic agents; insulin; vitamins; minerals; and cardiovascular agents.

Claim 11 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the coating includes a sufficient amount of taste masking agent to provide acceptable organoleptic properties.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The chewing gum of Claim 11 wherein the taste masking agent is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group consisting of: zinc gluconate, ethyl maltol, glycine, acesulfame-k, aspartame; saccharin; fructose; xylitol; isomalt; maltitol; spray dried licorice root; glycyrrhizine; sodium gluconate; glucono delta-lactone; ethyl vanillin; dextrose; sucralose; vanillin; and ethyl maltol.

Claim 13 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 11 wherein the taste masking agent comprises approximately 30% to about 99% by weight of the coating.

Claim 14 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the coating includes approximately 0.5% to about 5% by weight of a high-intensity sweetener chosen from the group consisting of aspartame, sucralose, saccharine, and acesulfame-k.

Claim 15 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the gum center includes at least 50% by weight water-insoluble gum base.

Claim 16 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the coating does not have a shellac layer.

Claim 17 (original): The chewing gum of Claim 9 wherein the gum center and coating are sugar-free.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A product including a medicament that is designed to function by being delivered through the systemic system of an individual comprising:

a chewing gum center; and

a coating that at least substantially surrounds the chewing gum center and comprises ~~includes~~ a medicament and a high-intensity sweetener, the coating comprising at least 50% by weight of the product.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The product of Claim 18 wherein the medicament is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group consisting of: analgesics; muscle relaxants; antibiotics; antivirals; stimulants; antihistamines; decongestants; anti-inflammatories; antacids; psychotherapeutic agents; insulin; vitamins; minerals; and cardiovascular agents.

Claim 20 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the coating includes a sufficient amount of taste masking agent to provide acceptable organoleptic properties.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The product of Claim 18 wherein the taste masking agent is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group consisting of: zinc gluconate, ethyl maltol, glycine, acesulfame-k, aspartame; saccharin; fructose; xylitol; isomalt; maltitol; spray dried licorice root; glycyrrhizine; sodium gluconate; glucono delta-lactone; ethyl vanillin; dextrose; sucralose; vanillin; and ethyl maltol.

Claim 22 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the taste masking agent comprises approximately 30% to about 99% by weight of the coating.

Claim 23 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the coating includes approximately 0.5% to about 5% by weight of a high-intensity sweetener chosen from the group consisting of aspartame, sucralose, saccharine, and acesulfame-k.

Claim 24 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the coating comprises at least 70% by weight powder when it is applied to the gum center.

Claim 25 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the product is sugar-free.

Claim 26 (original): The product of Claim 18 wherein the coating does not have a shellac layer.

Claim 27 (withdrawn):

Claim 28 (withdrawn):

Claim 29 (withdrawn):

Claim 30 (withdrawn):

Claim 31 (withdrawn):

Claim 32 (withdrawn):

Claim 33 (withdrawn):

Claim 34 (withdrawn):